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JEWISH CONVERT TO CATHOLICISM APPOINTED ARCHBISHOP OF PARIS

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, Feb. 2 (JTA) — A 54-year-old Jewish convert to Catholicism, Msgr. Jean-Marie Lustiger, was appointed today by Pope John Paul II Archbishop of Paris, the top post in France's Roman Catholic Church. Lustiger, who served until now as Bishop of Orleans, was converted at the age of 14 after his parents, Polish Jewish immigrants to France, hid him with a Catholic family during the Nazi occupation. Both his parents were deported.

Lustiger's mother died in Auschwitz in 1943. His father returned to France after the war. He and his son were close but the elder Lustiger never managed to convince him to abandon the church and return to Judaism.

Lustiger has never tried to hide his Jewish origins and has repeatedly stressed his contacts with the Jewish people. Interviewed on television he declared himself "first and foremost a Jew and the son of a Jewish martyr." In spite of this, Lustiger is known as a "traditionalist" within the church and whose views are believed to be close to those of the Pope.

May Be Appointed Cardinal

Lustiger, who reportedly still speaks Yiddish and Polish, will probably be appointed to the rank of Cardinal which normally goes with the Paris post. At 54, he is one of the youngest Archbishops of Paris and is believed to be the first Jewish convert to attain such rank.

The new Archbishop, who visited Israel on several occasions has always tried to develop relations with Jews and Jewish organizations. He is known to be a personal friend of the Pope but also was the choice of the outgoing Paris Archbishop, Cardinal Marty.

Lustiger spent most of his teen years with the Catholic family in Orleans and was officially converted and baptised in 1941, at his request. After the war he studied sociology and law and attended the Catholic seminary where he was ordained in 1951. He served for 10 years as Paris University chaplain and in 1979 was ordained Bishop of Orleans.

ARIDOR ANNOUNCES PRICE HIKES ON SOME GOODS, REDUCTIONS ON OTHERS

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Feb. 2 (JTA) — New Finance Minister Yoram Aridor's first public appearance yesterday since taking over the post last week was to announce increases in the price of dairy products, meat, electricity, fuel and other items and a reduction in prices of colored television sets, refrigerators and small cars.

His move was hailed by government supporters as a step toward reducing inflation by cutting government expenditure for subsidies and taking in more money from larger sales of durable items. But it was immediately castigated by labor leaders and Histadrut Secretary General Yeruham Meshel who said that Aridor was helping the rich while harming the poor.

As of midnight last night dairy products, except milk, rose in price by 12 percent; bread, apart from standard loaves, increased by 22-27 percent; meat except frozen chickens, was up 10 percent; water, by six percent; electricity, by 10 percent; and heavy fuels, kerosene and domestic cooking gas, by 10-15 percent. Gasoline prices remain unchanged.

The decreased price of durable goods, ranging from eight to 15 percent on color television, refrigerators, washing machines, cooking stoves and some cars were the result of a reduced sales tax.

Aridor explained that the reductions would be in force for three months, during which time the Treasury hoped to take in larger amounts in customs duties as a result of anticipated increased sales abroad. Manufacturers complained, however, that the increase in the price of heavy fuel on which much of their production is based, would inevitably lead to higher costs which would have to be passed on to the consumer.

PREPARING FOR THE ELECTIONS; LABOR PARTY PLEDGES TO ENSURE RELIGIOUS PLURALISM IN ISRAEL

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Feb. 2 (JTA) — The Labor Party pledged today to "ensure recognition of all the (religious) streams in Judaism, by means of legislation if need be," should it win the elections this spring. That formulation, worked out in 11th hour behind-the-scenes consultations, was the central plank in a State-and-Religion platform adopted by the party's national convention.

It represented a compromise between the "Young Guard" and other liberal elements in the party who sought a firmer commitment to religious pluralism and more conservative trends led by Moshe Baran, a Cabinet minister in the former Labor government, and MK Rabbi Menachem Hacohen.

The convention was due to wind up late tonight with the ratification of a new Central Committee comprising over 1000 members. Originally, Labor intended a smaller Central Committee — the senior policy making forum between conventions. But pressures from various sectors and interest groups within the party resulted in its enlargement.

Former Premier Yitzhak Rabin kept a low profile during the convention. The "Rabin Camp" was said to have some 26 percent of the new Central Committee and to be satisfied with that representation. Rabin won almost 30 percent of the votes in the leadership contest with Shimon Peres at the convention's plenary sessions in December.

The second session of the convention is ending without any particular drama. The party appeared determined to present an image of unity and business-like preparation to take over the reins of government later this year.

A poll published today by Israel's leading pollster, Mina Zemach, showed Labor's solid majority holding steady, though there would be some erosion if former Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan and former Defense Minister Ezer Weizman decided to form a new centrist party.

Former Bank Hapoalim chairman Yaacov Levinson was the "star" of the first day's deliberations, pre-

senting a sober and impressive economic program and in this way asserted himself as the leading candidate for finance minister. The "State-and-Religion" issue was the focus of debate during the second day.

A committee headed by former Foreign Minister Abba Eban drafted the original proposals calling for "equality" between the various "streams" (Orthodox, Conservative and Reform) and pledging legislation to enable non-Orthodox rabbis to officiate at weddings. But a last-minute protest move led by Baram, former UN Ambassador Chaim Herzog and Hacohen produced a reconsideration that continued through yesterday and into this morning.

The reference to officiating at marriages was omitted from the convention resolution. It was decided that this would be taken up by the new Central Committee. The Convention pledged itself to "ensure recognition" of all the streams, a vague formula that all sections of the party could live with.

Essence Of Other Resolutions

In addition, the convention passed resolutions calling on the party, when in office, to ensure religious facilities and state budgets for the non-Orthodox "streams" and calling on the party to ensure as well that representatives of the non-Orthodox streams are elected to the regional religious councils around the country.

These bodies, which exist alongside municipalities and regional councils, disburse State budgets for religious services and have traditionally been by and large dominated by the National Religious Party and Aguda Israel, although the other parties are also represented.

Similarly the convention called on Labor Party representatives in the municipalities and regional councils to "relate with total impartiality to all the various streams" and to ensure that public services, public land and buildings be made "available to all the streams to enable them to carry out their various life-styles."

Other resolutions on state-and-religion declared that: Labor will revoke recent legislation barring abortions for "social" reasons and limiting autopsies; Labor will act, by legislation if necessary, to ease the plight of those individuals and families affected by special halachic restrictions (bastardy) and would-be immigrants similarly affected; and Labor will oppose restrictive "Who is a Jew" legislation as proposed by the Orthodox parties and supported by Herut.

Role Of Religion Extolled

In presenting these resolutions, Eban read out a preamble — also endorsed by the convention — which expressed Labor's "respect for the heritage and faith of Israel" and which extolled the role of religion in preserving the nation through centuries of trial and travail. The statement pledged "stress on Jewish tradition" in Israeli education.

Party officials acknowledged that the resolutions, in leaning towards greater recognition of Reform and Conservative Jewry, might lead to a loss of support in some sectors of the populations especially among Sephardic voters who are traditional minded. Nevertheless, they said the party was duty-bound to come to grips with an issue that was keenly felt among very large numbers of diaspora Jews, especially in the U.S.

SCANDAL EMERGING OVER MARKETING OF TAINTED MEAT FROM CARRION IN GUISE OF FRESHLY SLAUGHTERED MEAT

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Feb. 2 (JTA) — Medical files related to cases of food poisoning during the past decade are under re-examination as a result of an emerging scandal over the marketing of tainted meat from carrion in the guise of freshly slaughtered meat. The criminal practice, with apparent underworld connections, is believed confined to the Haifa area. The secretary of the Israel Poultry Raisers Union has been arrested on charges of selling diseased turkeys for human consumption.

Similarly, one of the largest meat wholesalers in Haifa is under detention for allegedly supplying carrion to kosher butchers, sausage manufacturers, restaurants and catering establishments. Although Jerusalem and central and southern regions of the country are believed to be free of tainted meat, there has been a dramatic drop in meat consumption among all Israelis while book dealers report an upsurge in demand for vegetarian and dairy cookbooks.

Arrests Follow Police Probe

The scandal broke as a result of a parliamentary question asked three months ago by MK Shulamit Aloni of the Civil Rights Movement. A police investigation that followed led to the arrests of Arab villagers, Jewish butchers and indications of lax kosher supervision.

Two weeks ago, police discovered that an Arab family named Shalhabi, from Sulam village in the Jezreel Valley, has been profiting for the past 12 years from the sale of the carcasses of diseased cattle and poultry to meat wholesalers and processors.

The Shalhabis gathered the carrion from scores of kibbutzim in northern Israel, ostensibly for sale as dog food. Kibbutz spokesmen said they had no idea it was being marketed to butchers and thought the Arab clan was doing them a favor by clearing the land of the carcasses.

Rabbinical authorities seized on the scandal to exhort Jews to eat only kosher meat. But the police say that kosher supervision in slaughter-houses and packing plants may have been lax and that forged kosher certificates adorn the walls of many slaughter-houses and butcher shops, supplied by underworld sources.

TV DOCUMENTARY ON AUSCHWITZ

NEW YORK (JTA) — A 90-minute documentary, "Kitty Returns To Auschwitz," will be presented by the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) on Wednesday, Feb. 4 at 8 p.m. local time. It is the account of Kitty Felix Hart, the daughter of Polish Jews, who survived the horrors of Auschwitz for nearly two years, and 34 years later, married and the mother of two grown-sons, made a personal pilgrimage to the site of the notorious death camp in order to "figure out what happened and see how it was possible to go on living" at that time.

The film, a production of Yorkshire Television in England was directed by Peter Morley and produced by Morley and Kevin Sim. Executive producer was Michael Deakin. It was the winner of the Royal Television Society's 1980 Documentary Report Award. Mrs. Hart now works as an X-ray technician in Birmingham, England.

KOLLEK; NO GOLDEN GATE AT THE ENTRANCE OF JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, Feb. 2 (JTA) — Mayor Teddy Kollek said he objects to a proposed plan to build

a huge golden gate at the entrance to Jerusalem. The gate, 180 feet high, equivalent to an 18-story building, was proposed by Giora Novak, an Israeli now living in New York. A model of the proposed gate was made available to the public this weekend at the Jerusalem Theater. Novak said he would like to officially present his plan to the local planning and zoning commission.

The plan was also criticized by Dr. Micha Levin, arts advisor to the Jerusalem municipality, and from Dr. Martin Weil and Yona Fischer of the Israel Museum. They contend that the idea for such a gate is not original since similar gates exist in St. Louis, Mo. and in other cities. The Jerusalem Foundation, headed by Kollek, rejected the plan two months ago, saying the city could not afford to spend up to \$5,600 for that purpose.

U.S. TO CHECK IF SAUDI ARABIA JORDAN ARE DELIVERING U.S.-MADE MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO IRAQ

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2 (JTA) -- The State Department said today that it is looking into reports that Saudi Arabia and Jordan are delivering American-made military equipment to Iraq, presumably for use in the Iraqi-Iranian war. There were no indications when the Department would comment.

The reports came as the French government acknowledged that it has sent four Mirage warplanes to Iraq. On that matter, the State Department said the decision was for France to make and it would not comment. The Department pointed out, however, that the U.S. has "stayed completely out" of the Iraqi-Iranian war and has "encouraged others to do the same."

It was recalled here that the Carter Administration came close to accusing Israel of violating its agreement on the acquisition of U.S. weapons by using them in retaliatory attacks on Palestinian terrorists in Lebanon. Israel contended that it used the weapons in self-defense. The U.S. never claimed that Israel was violating the weapons agreement.

More recently, the State Department characterized as not "helpful" Israel's retaliatory air raids on terrorists targets in Lebanon last month but made no reference to the possible use of American-supplied weapons.

FOR TIRED, BORED BUSINESSMEN: A "VACATION CAMP" MODELED AFTER THE INFAMOUS COLDITZ POW CAMP

By Adena Berkowitz

NEW YORK, Feb. 2 (JTA) -- According to a newspaper report out of England, a new found vacation spot for tired and bored executives resembles something one could only envision as part of the television show "Fantasy Island." British businessmen are spending \$75 for a three-day excursion to a "vacation" camp which is modeled after Colditz, the infamous German POW camp.

The report, which was confirmed by an official at the British agency, Spectrum, which distributed the story, describes in detail what this "vacation" camp is like. Located in southern England, the camp is guarded by 50 armed "Nazi" soldiers, a team of trained attack dogs and is surrounded by 14-foot high barbed wire fences as well as searchlight-equipped watchtowers.

"Prisoners" are transported to the camp by truck and are medically examined to determine

if they can handle life in the camp. The vacationers who pass the exam are given prison fatigues or Allied military garb to wear. Housing consists of hut-like barracks with rags for mattresses and blankets. Meals consist of stale bread and rancid gruel.

The pleasure concept that the camp provides is that upon arrival to the camp, the "prisoners" are issued maps which list four possible escape routes, of which only one is feasible. "Prisoners" can try to escape and those who succeed in getting four miles out of the region of the camp, are considered to have made it to safety.

The task is made much more difficult since a helicopter is utilized to hunt down any "escapees" and catch them before they reach the four mile freedom mark. Those who make it are able to return to their homes. Those who are recaptured, however, are returned to the camp to face harsh interrogation and solitary confinement.

The "commandant" of the camp is quoted in the story as saying that those "vacationers" who are successful in their escape from this life-like POW camp, would most likely have been able to do the same if they were incarcerated there during World War II. This three-day vacation has proven so popular that organizers are considering implementing a three-month version.

Viewed As 'Sick And Morbid'

A variety of observers, when asked to comment on this vacation spot, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that while the situation is shocking it is hardly surprising. Famed author and Auschwitz survivor Elie Wiesel called the vacation spot "sick and morbid". Wiesel, who serves as chairman of the U.S. Memorial Council on the Holocaust, pointed to this as another episode to cheapen the Holocaust.

"It is now touching every area and has even invaded the recreational area. Everything becomes 'fun'," he said. Wiesel also commented on the irony of the situation in that these "vacationers" are "trying to vicariously experience things they can't understand or live."

A prominent American psychiatrist and analyst of social behavior commented that this could be an attempt on the part of the British vacationers to try to recapture what he called their "lost glory." Since times for the British are quite difficult today in light of their economic situation, this psychiatrist, who barring a personal examination, preferred to remain anonymous, felt that this could be their way of looking for an "escape" by reliving glorious moments of the past.

Other survivors and social commentators echoed these views. The response to this latest vacation resort was best summed up by one middle-age woman, herself a survivor of Dachau, who said: "If back then anyone had known of anything like this camp in England, no one could believe it. So how can I believe it?"

BONN (JTA) -- Three members of an anti-Nazi Protestant group that opposed the Hitler regime have published an open letter in Mainz warning of the resurgence of neo-Nazism in West Germany and abroad. The letter noted that during 1980 a wave of neo-Nazi activity in several European countries, including Germany, resulted in the deaths of more than 100 persons. They urged the religious community to take immediate action to alert the populace to the "creeping danger" of Nazism.

A CONGRESS CALLS FOR PROBE OF ARAB BOYCOTT EXTENSION

NEW YORK, Feb. 2 (JTA) -- The American Jewish Congress has called for a federal investigation of Arab plans to expand the economic boycott of Israel. The expanded economic boycott was proclaimed in Taif, Saudi Arabia, at the conclusion last Thursday of a three-day summit conference of leaders of 37 Islamic nations and the Palestine Liberation Organization.

In a letter to Treasury Secretary Donald Regan, Howard Squadron, president of the AJCongress, pointed out that the Treasury Department is required by the Internal Revenue Code to maintain a list of nations that participate in the boycott. He urged that any countries that join the boycott as a result of the Taif declaration be added to the U.S. list. He said the Treasury should take "appropriate action to insure that U.S. firms and businessmen comply with the anti-boycott law."

The most recent quarterly Treasury Department report on the boycott lists 14 Arab countries that participate in the boycott. The reported terms of the action taken in Taif could more than double the size of the boycott, which seeks to punish firms that do business with Israel, Squadron noted. Under the declaration, such non-Arab nations as Turkey, Pakistan and Indonesia would be expected to join the boycott.

UN PALESTINIAN STAMP NOT SELLING

By Yitzhak Rabi

UNITED NATIONS, Feb. 2 (JTA) -- The United Nations stamp bearing the inscription "Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People," which was issued last Friday, was selling very poorly, according to clerks at the special selling counter at the UN for newly issued UN stamps. They said "nobody has been buying this stamp."

Usually, when a UN stamp is issued, a long line of stamp collectors forms at the counter to purchase the stamp, but such a line was absent last Friday, the opening day of the sale. An Israeli spokesman at the UN said he had no comment when he was asked about the issuance of the stamp by the United Nations Postal Administration. A total of 5.9 million stamps were printed with inscriptions in English, French and German. Many stamp dealers had indicated in advance of the opening sale that they would not buy the stamps.

TWO SOVIET JEWISH ACTIVISTS SENTENCED TO ADDITIONAL TERMS

NEW YORK, Feb. 2 (JTA) -- Two Jewish activists, one in Siberian exile and the other in Moscow, have been tried and sentenced for the second time, according to the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry and Union of Councils for Soviet Jews.

Alexander Podrabinek, who was given five years' banishment to Siberia in 1978 for exposing Soviet psychiatric abuse in a "samizdat" book, "Punitive Medicine", has been handed an additional three years of exile. His brother Kiril had been imprisoned as further retaliation, and was rearrested on the day he had completed his sentence.

In Moscow, Makar Limanov was sentenced to 15 days in jail for "disobeying a police order, less than two weeks after he was released from prison for demonstrating at the Lenin Library to mark the 10th anniversary of the 1970 Leningrad

Trial. Limanov had received a summons to report to the police. He phoned to say he could not leave his small, sick son at home. A half-hour later, four police officers burst into his apartment and took him away.

Meanwhile, former Prisoner of Conscience Alexander Vilig of Belgrad, who had been sentenced to 1 1/2 years for "draft evasion" in February 1979 after he had received an exit visa, has now been notified that his reapplication to emigrate has been denied. The grounds are that the same Israeli relative who had sent the original invitation document to leave was no longer considered a close enough relation.

SOVIET JEWS AND U.S. HOSTAGES SEEN AS 'CHIPS' IN BARGAINING

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2 (JTA) -- Harvard law professor Alan Dershowitz, who defended Anatoly Shcharansky at his trial as a Soviet Prisoner of Conscience, sees Soviet Jews and the Americans who had been held hostage in Iran as "chips in the international bargaining game."

Like the now freed Americans, the Soviet Jews are "anxious to breathe the air of freedom," Dershowitz told about 170 members of the House of Representatives and the Senate and their aides at a meeting on Soviet Jewry at the Capitol last week.

The meeting, a biennial gathering conducted by the Union of Councils for Soviet Jews, was sponsored by Senators Carl Levin (D. Mich.) and Pete Domenici (R. NM), and Representatives Michael Barnes (D.Md) and Jack Kemp (R. NY). Its purpose was to familiarize new members of Congress with the plight of Soviet Jewry.

Dmitri Simes, a professor at Johns Hopkins University and himself a Soviet Jewish immigrant, said that the effort to help Soviet Jews must be "realistic and persistent." Prof. Richard Pipes of Harvard, an advisor to President Reagan on Soviet affairs, had to cancel his appearance when he was called to the White House.

During the session, a phone call was placed to Dr. Alexander Lerner in Moscow but the connection could not be made. The Moscow operator said there was no answer from Lerner. Davida Manon, the Council's executive director, discounted the operator's statement, saying that the call had been arranged in advance and in person by a traveler to Moscow.

Dershowitz said negotiating with the Soviets was much like using a vending machine. He said one puts in a coin and if no candy comes out one can put in another coin or kick the machine but "you can't talk to it." The Council, which was founded in 1970 with six groups and now has organizations in 28 cities, is headed by Robert Gordon, a Boston businessman.

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TEL AVIV (JTA) -- The Tel Aviv Maccabi basketball team lost the second leg of its two-game match against the Moscow basketball team, Central Sports Club of the Red Army, in Brussels last Thursday by 81-83 after beating the Russian team 85-74 the day before. Israel now stands at the head of the six European national champion teams. A win against Real Madrid in Spain later this week will ensure the Israeli champions a place in the European finals in March.

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TEL AVIV (JTA) -- The committee of Shalom Aleichem House here has named Jewish Agency chairman Leon Dulzin as its honorary president. There are plans to publish Aleichem's works in Yiddish and Hebrew and English translations.